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1. YOU MAY USE ANSWERS TO UK QUESTIONS (REFTEL A) AS

PROPOSED IN REFTTEL B, WITH FOLLOWING CHANGES:

A. Q. 1.(PARA. 18--SOVIET FROGS AND SCUDS):

ADD SENTENCE: "ADDITIONALLY, OF COURSE, WITH THE WITHDRAWAL AND LIMITATION OF CERTAIN US NUCLEAR ELEMENTS, THERE SHOULD BE SOME LIMITATIONS ON SOVIET NUCLEAR ELEMENTS ANALOGOUS TO THOSE REDUCED BY US." DELETE FROM LAST SENTENCE REF B TEXT "AIR AND GROUND FORCES."

B. Q. 2 (PARAS. 31, 36--QUANTITY LIMITATION): LAST SENTENCE, CHANGE "CEILING" TO "LIMITATION."

C. Q. 3 (PARAS. 32, 34--FOLLOW-ON MECHANISM): LAST SENTENCE, CHANGE "WOULD BE COUNTED AGAINST THE RESIDUAL LIMITATION," TO "WOULD PRESUMABLY BE SUBJECT TO LIMITATION IF THOSE AIR-CRAFT ENTERED THE USAF INVENTORY IN THE NGA."

D. Q. 5 (PARA. 34--SOVIET TANKS): LAST LINE, CHANGE "COMPARABLE" TO "OTHER."

E. Q. 6 (PARA. 37--CONSTRAINT DETAILS): CHANGE "BE ADEQUATE TO SAFEGUARD" TO "NOT PRECLUDE."

F. Q. 7 (PARA. 38--US RESERVE TANKS): CHANGE TO READ:  
"THE US TANK STOCKS WHICH ARE NOW BELOW STRENGTH FALL INTO TWO CATEGORIES: (1) PREPOSITIONED EQUIPMENT FOR NATO-COMMITTED US UNITS NOW IN CONUS, AND (2) WAR RESERVE STOCKS NOW IN NGA FOR US UNITS. WE ARE BY NO MEANS CERTAIN THAT EASTERN WILLINGNESS TO EXCLUDE "RESERVES" IMPLIES A WILLINGNESS TO EXCLUDE EQUIPMENT IN NGA IN THESE CATEGORIES. THE EXCLUSION OF US TANK STOCKS STORED IN NGA FROM LIMITATION COULD SUGGEST THAT SOVIETS COULD PUT INTO "RESERVE" IN NGA THE 1,700 TANKS TO BE REDUCED. IN ANY EVENT, WE APPEAR TO BE IN AGREEMENT ON THE SUBSTANTIVE POINT THAT THE US MUST BE FREE TO RESTORE ITS DEFICIENT TANK STOCKS AND THAT ANY LIMITATION ON US TANKS NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE LIMITS ON SOVIET NUCLEAR ELEMENTS MUST ALLOW FURTHER MODEST INCREASES BEYOND THE RESTORED LEVELS."

G. Q. 8 (PARA. 39--USSR NUCLEAR SYSTEMS): CHANGE TO READ:  
"YES, WE WERE THINKING OF SOME STRATEGIC NUCLEAR SYSTEMS  
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WHEN WE MADE OUR STATEMENT, AS WELL AS THEATER TACTICAL SYSTEMS (SOVIET MEDIUM BOMBERS, IRBMS AND MRBMS). INGERSOLL

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